GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1076
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CLOSURE OF KHETRI COPPER MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ordered closure of the Khetri Copper Mines in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether any steps has been taken by the Government to give employment to employees working in these mines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a):Ministry of Labour have granted permission for closure of Khetri Copper Mines under Section 25(O) of Industrial Dispute Act, 1947.

(b):Hindustan Copper Limitedhave taken various steps to protect the interests of employees working in the Khetri Copper Mines which inter-alia includes the benefits of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme(VRS)based on the guidelines issued by Department of Public Enterprises from time to time. Moreover, the VRS would enable workers to get the benefits several times higher than the closure compensation under section 25(O) of the aforesaid Act.

(c) & (d): In view of (a) & (b) above, do not arise.